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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM
By: Noriyuki OKISU, Yuji TAGUCHI, Yasuhiro MORIMOTO
and Shinichi FUJII
Attorney Docket No.: 15162/03640

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to an IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM, Noriyuki OKISU, Yuji TAGUCHI, Yasuhiro MORIMOTO and Shinichi FUJII, inventors:

- (1) Specification (41 pages, including 14 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (7 pages);
- (3) Formal Drawings (16 sheets);
- (4) Transmittal letter (1 page) with a certified copy of each priority document: Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-148551 (1 cover sheet and 27 pages) and 2000-148554 (1 cover sheet and 28 pages);

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- (5) Transmittal of PrintEFS Patent Bibliographic Data (3 pages); and
- (6) Assignment of the invention to Minolta Co., Ltd. (2 pages) with Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page, *in duplicate*).

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